Tsunami warning system at Hyderabad

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Will the Minister of OCEAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the progress of work with regard to setting up of Tsunami Warning System at Hyderabad;

(b) whether it is a fact that his Ministry is facing financial difficulties in the current financial year to release the funds inspite of allocation of Rs. 125 crores in the current fiscal;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor;

(d) whether his Ministry has set any deadline to complete this project; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI KAPIL SIBAL): (a) The Ministry is setting up an Early Warning Centre for Tsunami and Storm Surges at Indian National Centre for Ocean Information Services (INCOIS), Hyderabad. An interim early warning mechanism is presently operational at INCOIS, Hyderabad on 24X7 basis. Under this project 11 tide gauges have already been installed and they have been connected through GSM for real time data transmission. These are being upgraded for satellite link. Two Coastal Radars have been installed off Chennai and they are operating satisfactorily. India Meteorological Department (IMD) has initiated the process of strengthening up the seismic network for interconnecting 17 seismic stations including parallel receiving station at INCOIS for near real time detection of earthquakes. The procurment process of Bottom Pressure Recorders and detection of propagation of tsunami generated waves is in the advance stage.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. The total estimated cost of the project is Rs. 125 crore. The budget allocation for the current financial year is Rs. 95 crore which will be released as and when the demand for fund comes from the implementing institutions. Rs. 20 crore were allocated and released during 2005-06.

(d) and (e) Yes, Sir, this project is scheduled to be completed by September, 2007.